

R extRemes Test with LOCA Downscaled CMIP-5 Model Output and some Horesplay with Ensembles (Example Using Precipitation)

Processing for Precipitation Daily Extremes Using LOCA Ensemble Output.

We will be usnig a Generalized Pareto Distribution to target the extreme values and that also requires a threshold to which the method is sensitive. Temperature complicates this since we are looking at a goodly amount of non-stationarity as we move into the future.

A reference for the extRemes package can be found here

Gilleland, E., & Katz, R. (2016). extRemes 2.0: An Extreme Value Analysis Package in R. *Journal of Statistical Software*, **72**(8), 1-39. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.18637/jss.v072.i08> (PDF Avaialble at <https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v072i08>)

Warning Typos are Legion.

Load Required Libraries

```
library(extRemes) # extreme data analysis package

## Loading required package: Lmoments
## Loading required package: distillery
## Loading required package: car
## Loading required package: carData
##
## Attaching package: 'extRemes'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##     qqnorm, qqplot
library(ncdf4) # library for processing netCDF data
library(lubridate) # library for processing dates and time

##
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'
## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
##     date
library(reshape2) # library for manipulating data frames
library(beanplot) # library for using bean plots for comparative plots
library(abind) # library for merging multidimentional arrays
library(stringr) # library for string manipulation
```

Let's start by identifying specific points, days and ensembles from which to pull data.

It's nice to put this data up top to make changing locatons easier.

```
location_name = "Rapid City"
location_abrv = 'KRAP'
```

```
target_lon = -104. # degrees east
target_lat = 44. # degrees north

# location_name = "Brookings"
# location_abrv = 'KBKX';

# target_lon = -96.8189167 # degrees east
# target_lat = 44.3045278 # degrees north
```

And we should include our time periods. Here, we have a baseline period and a future period

```
period_span = 30.
base_start = 1976 # start year
base_end = base_start + period_span-1 # end year (just before our simulations diverge)

per1_start = 2020 # start
per1_end = per1_start + period_span-1 # end year2dear
```

And while I am up here I am defining a “wetting rain” even threshold as any rain event exceeding 0.1" per day I tend to keep this value on reserve when working with rainfall whether I use it or not. (In this case I am not...)

```
wetting_rain_treshold = 0.1 * 25.4 # in -> mm (0.1 in = 2.54 )
```

The LOCA File for Rapid City can be downloaded from

https://github.com/wjcapheart/SDMines_CEE_AES_Math_Ed_Resources/raw/master/Extreme_Event_Assessment/Data_For_Examples/KRAP_LOCA.nc

```
# you will want to change the directory to point to where you are keeping the file.
```

```
URL_Root_Directory <- "~/GitHub/SDMines_CEE_AES_Math_Ed_Resources/Extreme_Event_Assessment/Data_For_Examples/KRAP_LOCA.nc"
```

```
# Here is the variable we want to extract
# these should match the files names since the variable in the file and file name match
```

```
target_variable = "prec"
variable_name = "Total Daily Precip"
variable_units = "mm" # after post processing (starts as m/s)
```

```
threshold_value = 2.0 # This is needed for the Pareto Distribution.
```

```
# get the extreme function to use
```

```
extreme_func = "GP"
```

```
# get URL files
```

```
LOCA_File = paste(location_abrv,
                  "_LOCA.nc",
                  sep="")
```

```
# make the final URLs for extracting with the "paste" function
```

```
LOCA_URL = paste(URL_Root_Directory, # string 1 to concatenate
                 LOCA_File,         # string 2 to concatenate
                 sep="",             # separation character (" " = none)
                 )
```

We now open the files...

the output of these functions are “handles” by which we can reference the file

```
nc.loca <- nc_open(filename = LOCA_URL)
```

To view the inventory (or “metadata”) of a netCDF file you can “print()” the metadata

Let’s do this with the RCP 8.5 file

```
print(nc.loca)
```

```
## File ~/GitHub/SDMines_CEE_AES_Math_Ed_Resources/Extreme_Event_Assessment/Data_For_Examples/KRAP_LOCA
##
##      13 variables (excluding dimension variables):
##      double latitude[]      (Contiguous storage)
##          axis: Y
##          units: degrees_north
##          short_name: latitude
##          long_name: Latitude of Grid Point
##          description: Latitude of Grid Point
##      double longitude[]     (Contiguous storage)
##          axis: X
##          units: degrees_west
##          short_name: longitude
##          long_name: Longitude of Grid Point
##          description: Longitude of Grid Point
##      string station_name[]  (Contiguous storage)
##          long_name: Station Name
##          description: Station Name
##      string station_icao[]   (Contiguous storage)
##          long_name: Station ICAO Designator
##          description: Station ICAO Designator
##      float latitude_station[] (Contiguous storage)
##          units: degrees_north
##          short_name: latitude
##          long_name: Latitude of Station
##          description: Latitude of Station
##      float longitude_station[] (Contiguous storage)
##          units: degrees_east
##          short_name: longitude
##          long_name: Longitude of Station
##          description: Longitude of Station
##      int available_inventory[scenario_list,ensemble_model,variable_list] (Contiguous storage)
##          comment: 1 = available ; 0 = not available
##          short_name: Inventory of LOCA Scenarios
##          description: Inventory of LOCA Scenarios
##          _FillValue: -2147483647
##      float tmax_hist[ensemble_model,time_hist] (Contiguous storage)
##          coordinates: time_hist latitude longitude
##          cell_methods: tmax_hist:maximum
```

```

##         units: K
##         standard_name: air_temperature
##         long_name: Maximum Daily Temperature (Historical)
##         description: Maximum Daily Temperature (Historical)
##         _FillValue: 9.96920996838687e+36
##     float tmin_hist[ensemble_model,time_hist]    (Contiguous storage)
##         _FillValue: 9.96920996838687e+36
##         description: Maximum Daily Temperature (Historical)
##         long_name: Maximum Daily Temperature (Historical)
##         standard_name: air_temperature
##         units: K
##         cell_methods: tmax_hist:maximum
##         coordinates: time_hist latitude longitude
##     float prec_hist[ensemble_model,time_hist]    (Contiguous storage)
##         _FillValue: 9.96920996838687e+36
##         description: Total Daily Precipitation (Historical)
##         long_name: Total Daily Precipitation (Historical)
##         standard_name: precipitation_amount
##         units: kg m-2
##         cell_methods: tmax_hist:sum
##         coordinates: time_hist latitude longitude
##     float tmax_futr[RCP_scenario,ensemble_model,time_futr]    (Contiguous storage)
##         coordinates: time_futr latitude longitude
##         cell_methods: tmax_futr:maximum
##         units: K
##         standard_name: air_temperature
##         long_name: Maximum Daily Temperature (Projected)
##         description: Maximum Daily Temperature (Projected)
##         _FillValue: 9.96920996838687e+36
##     float tmin_futr[RCP_scenario,ensemble_model,time_futr]    (Contiguous storage)
##         _FillValue: 9.96920996838687e+36
##         description: Maximum Daily Temperature (Projected)
##         long_name: Maximum Daily Temperature (Projected)
##         standard_name: air_temperature
##         units: K
##         cell_methods: tmax_futr:maximum
##         coordinates: time_futr latitude longitude
##     float prec_futr[RCP_scenario,ensemble_model,time_futr]    (Contiguous storage)
##         _FillValue: 9.96920996838687e+36
##         description: Total Daily Precipitation (Projected)
##         long_name: Total Daily Precipitation (Projected)
##         standard_name: precipitation_amount
##         units: kg m-2
##         cell_methods: tmax_futr:sum
##         coordinates: time_futr latitude longitude
##
##     6 dimensions:
##         time_hist  Size:20454
##         description: Time (Historical Period)
##         units: days since 1900-01-01 00:00:00
##         long_name: Time (Historical Period)
##         calendar: standard
##         missing_value: 1.00000001504747e+30
##         axis: T

```

```

##         standard_name: time
##         _FillValue: 1.00000001504747e+30
##         _ChunkSizes: 1
##         bounds: time_bnds
##     time_futr Size:34698
##         description: Time (Projected Period)
##         units: days since 1900-01-01 00:00:00
##         long_name: Time (Projected Period)
##         calendar: standard
##         missing_value: 1.00000001504747e+30
##         axis: T
##         standard_name: time
##         _FillValue: 1.00000001504747e+30
##         _ChunkSizes: 1
##         bounds: time_bnds
##     ensemble_model Size:31
##         long_name: Ensemble Model Member
##         description: Ensemble Model Member
##     RCP_scenario Size:2
##         long_name: CMIP-5 Representative Concentration Pathway Scenarios
##         description: CMIP-5 Representative Concentration Pathway Scenarios
##     scenario_list Size:3
##         short_name: List of Scenarios for Inventory
##         description: List of Scenarios for Inventory
##     variable_list Size:3
##         description: List of Variables for Inventory
##         short_name: List of Variables for Inventory
##
##     23 global attributes:
##         title: Historical LOCA Statistical Downscaling (Localized Constructed Analogs) Statistically
##         creator_name: Original: David Piercem (OUI-USGS);
## Modified: Bill Capehart SD School of Mines
##         creator_email: Original: dpierce@ucsd.edu;
## Modified: William.Capehart@sdsmt.edu
##         institution: Original: USGS Office of Water Information;
## Modified: SD School of Mines and Technology
##         Conventions: CF-1.4
##         project: Comparative Analysis of Downscaled Climate Simulations, Providing Guidance to End U
##         cdm_data_type: Station
##         summary: LOCA is a statistical downscaling technique that uses past history to add improved
## We have used LOCA to downscale 32 global climate models from the CMIP5 archive at a 1/16th degree sp
## The historical period is 1950-2005, and there are two future scenarios available: RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.
## The variables currently available are daily minimum and maximum temperature, and daily precipitation
## For more information visit: http://loca.ucsd.edu/
##         acknowledgment: Pierce, D. W., D. R. Cayan, and B. L. Thrasher, 2014: Statistical downscaling
## We acknowledge the World Climate Research Programme's Working Group on Coupled Modeling, which is re
## For CMIP, the U.S. Department of Energy's Program for Climate Model Diagnosis and Intercomparison pr
##         comment: Original Prioduct Extracted to a Single Station Point, Original Prioduct Calibrated
##         history: Dataset was deflated and aggregated for publication by the USGS by dbloodgett@usgs.g
## Dataset was extracted for a single point and converted to common SI units by William.Capehart@sdsmt.
##         time_coverage_start: 1950-01-01T00:00
##         time_coverage_end: 2100-12-31T00:00
##         station_name: Rapid City, SD
##         station_icao: KRAP

```

```
##      latitude_station: 44.0453338623047
##      longitude_station: 256.942626953125
##      geospatial_lat_min: 44.03125
##      geospatial_lat_max: 44.03125
##      geospatial_lon_min: 256.96875
##      geospatial_lon_max: 256.96875
##      keywords: precipitation, temperature
##      license: Freely available
```

Now for Time Control the RCP 8.5 runs go from 1920-2100 and have 2172 monthly time steps the RCP 4.5 runs go from 1920-2080 and have 1932 monthly time steps

Our data uses a 365-day year (no leap years) so we will doing this brute force.

We are also only going to 2080.

```
# get time values

time_hist<-ncvar_get(nc.loc, "time_hist")
tunits<-ncatt_get(nc.loc, "time_hist", attname="units")
tustr<-strsplit(tunits$value, " ")

time_reference_point_hist = unlist(tustr)[3]

time_futr <-ncvar_get(nc.loc, "time_futr")
tunits    <-ncatt_get(nc.loc, "time_futr", attname="units")
tustr     <-strsplit(tunits$value, " ")

# and tidy things up

time_reference_point_futr = unlist(tustr)[3]
```

Now for the easier coordinates to access

```
# create ensemble dimension

ensemble <- ncvar_get(nc.loc, "ensemble_model")

ensembles_to_use = ensemble[!str_detect(ensemble, "CNRM")]
ensembles_to_use = ensembles_to_use[!str_detect(ensembles_to_use, "GISS")]

n_ensembles = length(ensembles_to_use)

print(ensembles_to_use)
```

```
## [1] "ACCESS1-0_r1i1p1"      "ACCESS1-3_r1i1p1"
## [3] "CCSM4_r6i1p1"         "CESM1-BGC_r1i1p1"
## [5] "CESM1-CAM5_r1i1p1"    "CMCC-CMS_r1i1p1"
## [7] "CMCC-CM_r1i1p1"       "CSIRO-Mk3-6-0_r1i1p1"
## [9] "CanESM2_r1i1p1"       "FGOALS-g2_r1i1p1"
## [11] "GFDL-CM3_r1i1p1"      "GFDL-ESM2G_r1i1p1"
## [13] "GFDL-ESM2M_r1i1p1"    "HadGEM2-AO_r1i1p1"
## [15] "HadGEM2-CC_r1i1p1"    "HadGEM2-ES_r1i1p1"
## [17] "IPSL-CM5A-LR_r1i1p1"  "IPSL-CM5A-MR_r1i1p1"
## [19] "MIROC-ESM-CHEM_r1i1p1" "MIROC-ESM_r1i1p1"
## [21] "MIROC5_r1i1p1"        "MPI-ESM-LR_r1i1p1"
```

```
## [23] "MPI-ESM-MR_r1i1p1"      "MRI-CGCM3_r1i1p1"
## [25] "NorESM1-M_r1i1p1"      "bcc-csm1-1-m_r1i1p1"
```

```
# import spatial coordinates
```

```
scenario <- ncvar_get(nc.loc, "RCP_scenario")
print(scenario)
```

```
## [1] "RCP 4.5" "RCP 8.5"
```

```
scenario = c("RCP45", "RCP85")
```

Pull Variable

```
varid.hist = paste(target_variable,
                    "_hist",
                    sep="")
```

```
varid.futr = paste(target_variable,
                    "_futr",
                    sep="")
```

```
var2d.hist = ncvar_get(nc      = nc.loc,                # netcdf file ID
                       varid   = varid.hist,            # variable name from file
                       verbose = FALSE                  # print diagnostic data
                       )                                # scaling temperature from K to DegC
```

```
var2d.futr = ncvar_get(nc      = nc.loc,                # netcdf file ID
                       varid   = varid.futr,            # variable name from file
                       verbose = FALSE                  # print diagnostic data
                       )                                # scaling temperature from K to DegC
```

... Then we pull the RCP 8.5 scenario...

Assign dimension names to arrays. these are strings including things that should be numbers.

```
dimnames(var2d.hist) <- list(ensemble, time_hist)
```

```
dimnames(var2d.futr) <- list(scenario, ensemble, time_futr)
```

```
size.hist2 = 2*20454*31
var2d.hist2 <- array(1:size.hist2, dim=c(2, 31, 20454))
```

```
var2d.hist2[1,,] = var2d.hist
var2d.hist2[2,,] = var2d.futr
```

```
dimnames(var2d.hist2) <- list(scenario, ensemble, time_hist)
```

```
var2d.hist = var2d.hist2
remove(var2d.hist2)
```

```
var3d = abind(var2d.hist, var2d.futr, along=3)
```

Now we flatten all of our fields into a single list or data frame by “flattening” the 2-D time/ensemble array to a single list with the melt command

```
variable = melt(data      = var3d,                # your array
               na.rm     = TRUE,                # don't use missing values
               varnames   = c("Scenario","Ensemble","Time"), # names of your two dimensions
               value.name = "Variable")          # the final name of your array value

variable$Time = as.Date(variable$Time, origin=time_reference_point_hist)
```

And we tidy things up once again

```
remove(nc.loca,
       varid.hist,
       varid.futr,
       URL_Root_Directory,
       LOCA_File,
       LOCA_URL,
       tunits,
       tustr,
       var3d,
       var2d.futr,
       var2d.hist)
```

We can also add some utility vectors to break things down by month, year and decade

```
variable$month = month(variable$Time)
variable$year  = year(variable$Time)
variable$day   = day(variable$Time)
variable$decade = trunc( variable$year/10. )*10
```

And we'll limit ourselves to the period between May and September

```
# variable = variable[(variable$month>=5 & variable$month<=9),]
```

It's not a bad idea to review the content of your data frame...

```
str(variable)

## 'data.frame':   3157908 obs. of  8 variables:
## $ Scenario: Factor w/ 2 levels "RCP45","RCP85": 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 ...
## $ Ensemble: Factor w/ 31 levels "ACCESS1-0_r1i1p1",...: 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 ...
## $ Time      : Date, format: "1950-01-01" "1950-01-01" ...
## $ Variable: num  0.4 0.4 1.3 1.3 0 ...
## $ month     : num  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ year      : num  1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 ...
## $ day       : int  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ decade   : num  1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 1950 ...
```

Now we're ready to do the analysis part.

we can break down the procedure to

- 1) par down the data vector by time period and ensemble number.
- 2) run and save our stats.

Here is a working sample template to get things started.

First we start extract our subset.

```
ens_target = ensembles_to_use[1] # just use the first ensemble member
rpc_target = "RCP45"
subset = subset(variable,
```



```

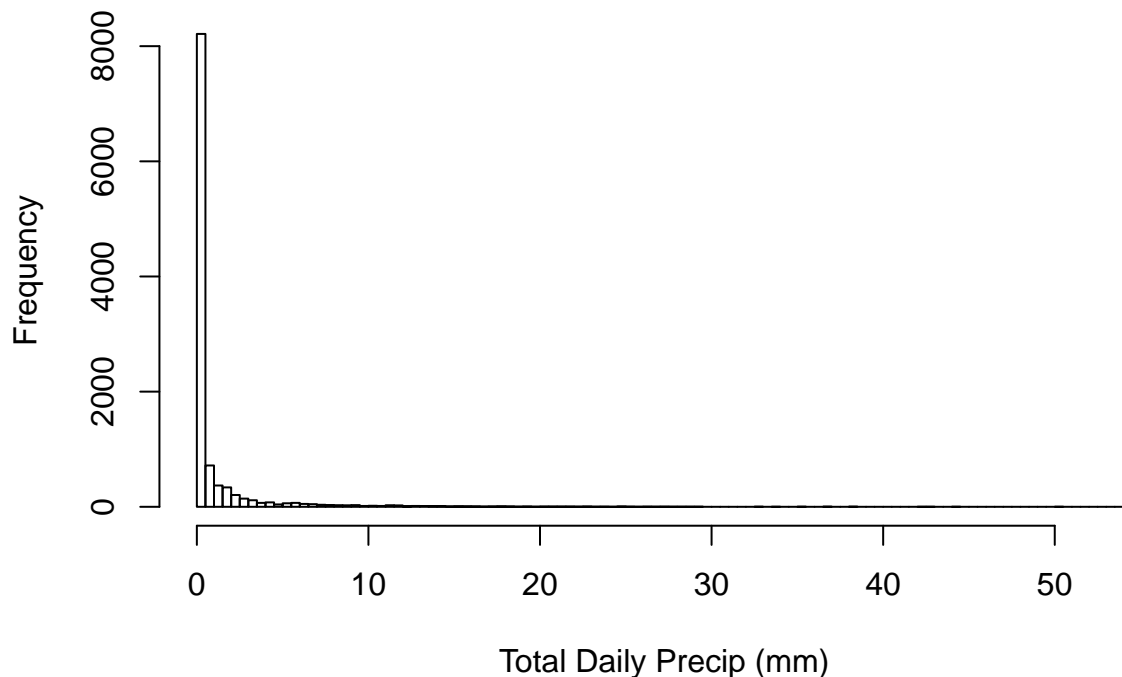
        (Scenario==rpc_target) &
        (Ensemble==ens_target) &
        ((year>=base_start) &
         (year<=base_end) )
    )

# always nice to see what your data looks like.

hist(x      = subset$Variable, # omitting zero temperatures days
     xlab    = paste(variable_name,                # axis title
                      " (",
                      variable_units,
                      ")",
                      sep=""),
     main    = paste(location_name,
                      paste("RCP8.5 Ensemble Member",ens_target),
                      sep = " "),
     freq    = TRUE,
     breaks  = 100
    )

```

Rapid City RCP8.5 Ensemble Member ACCESS1-0_r1i1p1



Now we run the fit command.

We will need a minimum threshold or the method fails.

Chose a reasonable value, here we chose 2mm (0.08")

For reference, a wetting rain event is 0.1" or 2.54 mm

We are also using the Generalized Pareto method.

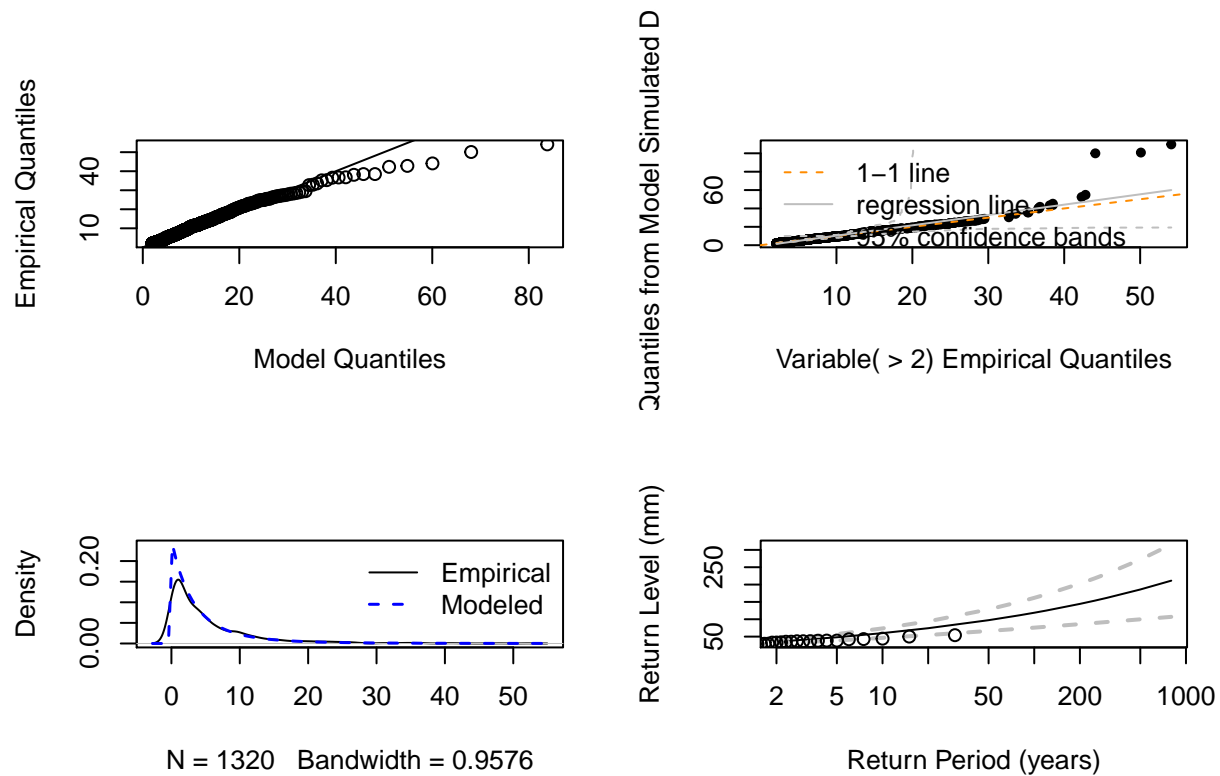
```
fit_GP = fevd(x          = Variable,
              data       = subset,
              verbose    = TRUE,
              threshold  = threshold_value,
              units      = variable_units,
              time.units = "365/year",
              type       = "GP",
              span       = period_span
            )
```

```
##
## Data span 0.08219178 years
## Setting up parameter model design matrices.
## Parameter model design matrices set up.
## Using Lmoments estimates as initial estimates. Initial value = 3479.568
## Initial estimates are:
##      scale      shape
## 3.9266053 0.2542597
## Beginning estimation procedure.
## initial value 3479.567585
## final value 3479.484097
## converged
## Time difference of 0.4866929 secs
```

And we plot the results. You would prefer for the lines to rest on the “1:1” through a reasonable period. For a 30 year span, I’ll consider 15 return years to be acceptable.

```
plot(fit_GP)
```

```
fevd(x = Variable, data = subset, threshold = threshold_value,
```



We can also extract specific return events.

```
return_intervals = seq(from = 2,
                        to   = period_span/2,
                        by   = 1)

n_return_intervals = length(return_intervals)

return_GP = return.level(x          = fit_GP,
                        return.period = return_intervals,
                        do.ci        = TRUE)

print(return_GP)
```

```
## fevd(x = Variable, data = subset, threshold = threshold_value,
##      type = "GP", span = period_span, units = variable_units,
##      time.units = "365/year", verbose = TRUE)
##
## [1] "Normal Approx."
##
##              95% lower CI Estimate 95% upper CI
## 2-year return level      30.14403 35.24617      40.34830
## 3-year return level      33.89638 40.56405      47.23171
## 4-year return level      36.69425 44.68453      52.67480
## 5-year return level      38.94338 48.09521      57.24704
## 6-year return level      40.83282 51.02952      61.22623
```

```
## 7-year return level      42.46689 53.61903      64.77117
## 8-year return level      43.90961 55.94585      67.98209
## 9-year return level      45.20321 58.06500      70.92679
## 10-year return level     46.37711 60.01529      73.65346
## 11-year return level     47.45265 61.82520      76.19775
## 12-year return level     48.44584 63.51634      78.58685
## 13-year return level     49.36900 65.10550      80.84200
## 14-year return level     50.23183 66.60600      82.98016
## 15-year return level     51.04212 68.02863      85.01513
```

```
# tidy up the demo
```

```
remove(return_GP,
        fit_GP,
        subset)
```

To implement. Let's create the storage arrays We will copy this over and over.

```
# for each case/period create arrays for the return and CI bounds
```

```
# first for our base period
```

```
rcp45_base_period_return = array(data= 0,
                                  dim = c(n_ensembles,
                                          n_return_intervals))
```

```
dimnames(rcp45_base_period_return) = list(ensembles_to_use,
                                           return_intervals)
```

```
rcp45_base_period_ci_ub = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp45_base_period_ci_lb = rcp45_base_period_return
```

```
rcp85_base_period_return = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp85_base_period_ci_ub = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp85_base_period_ci_lb = rcp45_base_period_return
```

```
# then for our test period(s)
```

```
rcp45_per1_period_return = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp45_per1_period_ci_ub = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp45_per1_period_ci_lb = rcp45_base_period_return
```

```
rcp85_per1_period_return = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp85_per1_period_ci_ub = rcp45_base_period_return
rcp85_per1_period_ci_lb = rcp45_base_period_return
```

create a loop that goes between the ensembles.

```
ens_target_num = 0
```

```
for (ens_target in ensembles_to_use) {
  ens_target_num = ens_target_num + 1
```

```
#####
```

```
#
```

```
# Base Period
```

```

#

# create segments for RCP 45 and RCP 85 for your period(s)

ens_target

rpc_target = "RCP45"

subset = subset(variable,
                  (Ensemble==ens_target) &
                  (Scenario==rpc_target) &
                  ((year>=base_start) &
                   (year<=base_end)    )
                  )

# fit an extreme value dist to the data

fit_GP_45 = fevd(x          = Variable,
                  data       = subset,
                  verbose    = FALSE,
                  threshold   = threshold_value,
                  units       = variable_units,
                  time.units  = "365/year",
                  type        = "GP",
                  span        = period_span
                  )

rpc_target = "RCP85"

subset = subset(variable,
                  (Ensemble==ens_target) &
                  (Scenario==rpc_target) &
                  ((year>=base_start) &
                   (year<=base_end)    )
                  )

fit_GP_85 = fevd(x          = Variable,
                  data       = subset,
                  verbose    = FALSE,
                  threshold   = threshold_value,
                  units       = variable_units,
                  time.units  = "365/year",
                  type        = "GP",
                  span        = period_span
                  )

# calculate the return periods and load into the temporary storage arrays.

return_GP = return.level(x          = fit_GP_45,

```

```

        return.period = return_intervals,
        do.ci         = TRUE)

rcp45_base_period_ci_lb[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 1]
rcp45_base_period_return[ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 2]
rcp45_base_period_ci_ub[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 3]

return_GP = return.level(x          = fit_GP_85,
                        return.period = return_intervals,
                        do.ci        = TRUE)

rcp85_base_period_ci_lb[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 1]
rcp85_base_period_return[ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 2]
rcp85_base_period_ci_ub[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 3]

# tidy up

remove(subset,
       fit_GP_45,
       fit_GP_85,
       return_GP)

#
#####

#####

#
# Period #1
#

# create segments for RCP 45 and RCP 85 for your period(s)

rpc_target = "RCP45"

subset = subset(variable,
                (Ensemble==ens_target) &
                (Scenario==rpc_target) &
                ((year>=per1_start) &
                 (year<=per1_end)    )
                )

# fit an extreme value dist to the data

fit_GP_45 = fevd(x          = Variable,
                 data        = subset,
                 verbose     = FALSE,
                 threshold   = threshold_value,
                 units       = variable_units,
                 time.units  = "365/year",

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        type      = "GP",
        span      = period_span
    )

    rpc_target = "RCP85"

    subset = subset(variable,
        (Ensemble==ens_target) &
        (Scenario==rpc_target) &
        ((year>=per1_start) &
         (year<=per1_end)    )
    )

    fit_GP_85 = fevd(x      = Variable,
        data      = subset,
        verbose   = FALSE,
        threshold = threshold_value,
        units     = variable_units,
        time.units = "365/year",
        type      = "GP",
        span      = period_span
    )

    # calculate the return periods and load into the temporary storage arrays.

    return_GP = return.level(x      = fit_GP_45,
        return.period = return_intervals,
        do.ci        = TRUE)

    rcp45_per1_period_ci_lb[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 1]
    rcp45_per1_period_return[ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 2]
    rcp45_per1_period_ci_ub[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 3]

    return_GP = return.level(x      = fit_GP_85,
        return.period = return_intervals,
        do.ci        = TRUE)

    rcp85_per1_period_ci_lb[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 1]
    rcp85_per1_period_return[ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 2]
    rcp85_per1_period_ci_ub[ ens_target_num, ] = return_GP[ , 3]

    # tidy up

    remove(subset,
        fit_GP_45,
        fit_GP_85,
        return_GP)

    #
    #####
}

```

Convert output into neat and tidy data frames

```
#####  
#  
# let's start with the base period  
#  
  
# melt 2-d arrays into frames.  
  
rcp45_base = melt(data = rcp45_base_period_return,  
                  varnames = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),  
                  na.rm = TRUE,  
                  value.name = "RCP45_Return_Period")  
  
rcp45_cib_lb = melt(data = rcp45_base_period_ci_lb,  
                   varnames = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),  
                   na.rm = TRUE,  
                   value.name = "RCP45_Lower_95_CI")  
  
rcp45_cib_ub = melt(data = rcp45_base_period_ci_ub,  
                   varnames = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),  
                   na.rm = TRUE,  
                   value.name = "RCP45_Upper_95_CI")  
  
  
rcp85_base = melt(data = rcp85_base_period_return,  
                  varnames = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),  
                  na.rm = TRUE,  
                  value.name = "RCP85_Return_Period")  
  
rcp85_cib_lb = melt(data = rcp85_base_period_ci_lb,  
                   varnames = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),  
                   na.rm = TRUE,  
                   value.name = "RCP85_Lower_95_CI")  
  
rcp85_cib_ub = melt(data = rcp85_base_period_ci_ub,  
                   varnames = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),  
                   na.rm = TRUE,  
                   value.name = "RCP85_Upper_95_CI")  
  
  
# combine the fields into a single data frame for each one.  
  
rcp45_base$RCP45_Lower_95_CI = rcp45_cib_lb$RCP45_Lower_95_CI  
rcp45_base$RCP45_Upper_95_CI = rcp45_cib_ub$RCP45_Upper_95_CI  
  
rcp85_base$RCP85_Lower_95_CI = rcp85_cib_lb$RCP85_Lower_95_CI  
rcp85_base$RCP85_Upper_95_CI = rcp85_cib_ub$RCP85_Upper_95_CI  
  
# tidy up
```



```

remove(rcp85_base_period_ci_lb,
       rcp85_base_period_return,
       rcp85_base_period_ci_ub,
       rcp85_cib_lb,
       rcp85_cib_ub)

remove(rcp45_base_period_ci_lb,
       rcp45_base_period_return,
       rcp45_base_period_ci_ub,
       rcp45_cib_lb,
       rcp45_cib_ub)

#
#####

#####
#
# and we can continue with the test period
#

rcp45_per1 = melt(data      = rcp45_per1_period_return,
                  varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                  na.rm     = TRUE,
                  value.name = "RCP45_Return_Period")

rcp45_ci1_lb = melt(data      = rcp45_per1_period_ci_lb,
                   varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                   na.rm     = TRUE,
                   value.name = "RCP45_Lower_95_CI")

rcp45_ci1_ub = melt(data      = rcp45_per1_period_ci_ub,
                   varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                   na.rm     = TRUE,
                   value.name = "RCP45_Upper_95_CI")

rcp85_per1 = melt(data      = rcp85_per1_period_return,
                  varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                  na.rm     = TRUE,
                  value.name = "RCP85_Return_Period")

rcp85_ci1_lb = melt(data      = rcp85_per1_period_ci_lb,
                   varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                   na.rm     = TRUE,
                   value.name = "RCP85_Lower_95_CI")

rcp85_ci1_ub = melt(data      = rcp85_per1_period_ci_ub,
                   varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                   na.rm     = TRUE,

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```

value.name = "RCP85_Upper_95_CI")

# combine the fields into a single data frame for each one.

rcp45_per1$RCP45_Lower_95_CI = rcp45_ci1_lb$RCP45_Lower_95_CI
rcp45_per1$RCP45_Upper_95_CI = rcp45_ci1_ub$RCP45_Upper_95_CI

rcp85_per1$RCP85_Lower_95_CI = rcp85_ci1_lb$RCP85_Lower_95_CI
rcp85_per1$RCP85_Upper_95_CI = rcp85_ci1_ub$RCP85_Upper_95_CI

# tidy up

remove(rcp85_per1_period_ci_lb,
       rcp85_per1_period_return,
       rcp85_per1_period_ci_ub,
       rcp85_ci1_lb,
       rcp85_ci1_ub)

remove(rcp45_per1_period_ci_lb,
       rcp45_per1_period_return,
       rcp45_per1_period_ci_ub,
       rcp45_ci1_lb,
       rcp45_ci1_ub)

#
#####

```

Plot return output

```

# I am making my own colours

darkcyan = rgb(red   = 0.00,
               green  = 0.50,
               blue   = 0.50,
               alpha  = 0.75) # 1 = opaque; 0 = fully clear

cyan      = rgb(red   = 0.00,
               green  = 1.00,
               blue   = 1.00,
               alpha  = 0.50)

darkblue  = rgb(red   = 0.00,
               green  = 0.00,
               blue   = 0.50,
               alpha  = 0.75)

blue      = rgb(red   = 0.00,
               green  = 0.00,
               blue   = 1.00,
               alpha  = 0.50)

```

```

darkmag = rgb(red = 0.50,
              green = 0.00,
              blue = 0.50,
              alpha = 0.75)

magenta = rgb(red = 1.00,
              green = 0.00,
              blue = 1.00,
              alpha = 0.50)

darkred = rgb(red = 0.50,
              green = 0.00,
              blue = 0.00,
              alpha = 0.75)

red = rgb(red = 1.00,
          green = 0.00,
          blue = 0.00,
          alpha = 0.50)

beanplot(formula = RCP85_Return_Period~return_intervals, # formula selection for y axis
         data = rcp85_base, # data frame to use
         col = c(magenta, # area fill # Color Scheme
                 darkmag, # lines
                 darkmag, # outside of bean line
                 darkmag), # mean line
         border = darkmag, # border color
         overallline = "median", # can't get rid of this dang thing
         beanlines = "median", # use median for the "central value"
         main = paste(location_name,
                       " LOCA Return Intervals for ", # title caption
                       base_start,
                       "-",
                       base_end,
                       sep=""),
         xlab = "Return Period (Years)", # xaxis title
         ylab = paste("Maximum ",
                       variable_name, # yaxis title
                       " (",
                       variable_units,
                       ")",
                       sep=""),
         log = "", # override log axis on y (it defaults to l
         xlim = c(0,period_span/2), # x axis range
         ylim = c(min(rcp45_base$RCP45_Lower_95_CI,
                       rcp85_base$RCP85_Lower_95_CI,
                       rcp45_per1$RCP45_Lower_95_CI,
                       rcp85_per1$RCP45_Lower_95_CI),
                   max(rcp45_base$RCP45_Upper_95_CI, # y axis range
                       rcp85_base$RCP85_Upper_95_CI,
                       rcp45_per1$RCP45_Upper_95_CI,

```

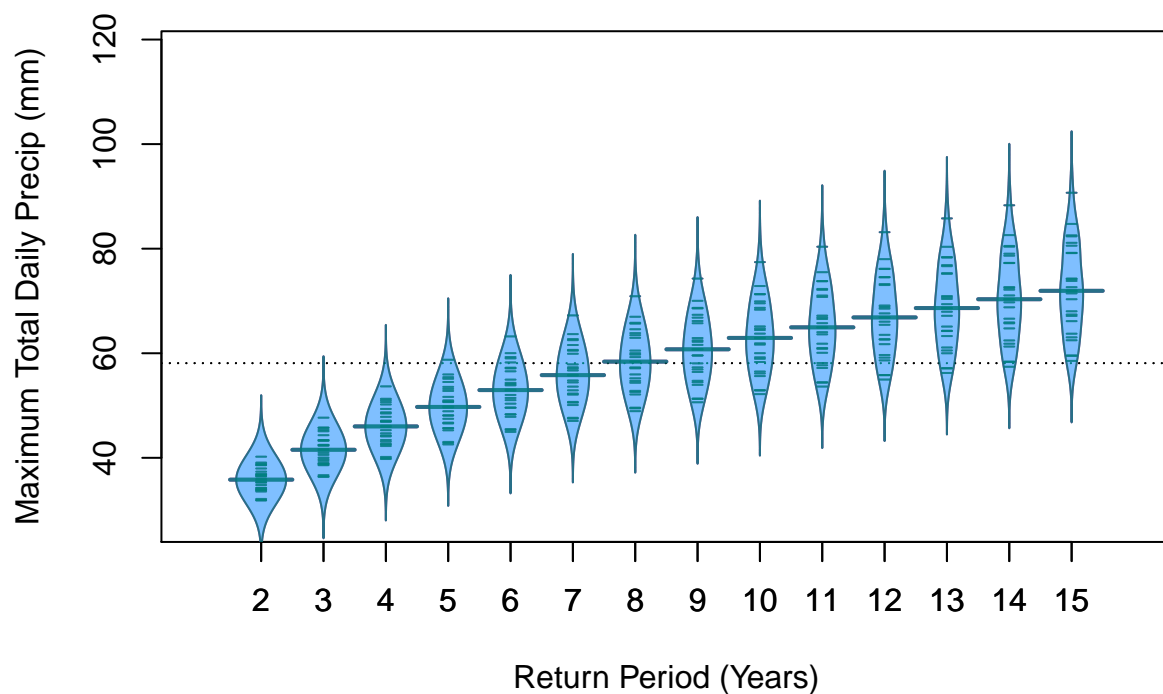
```

rcp85_per1$RCP45_Upper_95_CI)
)

beanplot(formula = RCP45_Return_Period~return_intervals,
data = rcp45_base,
add = TRUE,
beanlines = "median",
overallline = "median",
col = c(cyan, # area fill
darkcyan, # lines
darkcyan, # outside of bean line
darkcyan), # mean line
border = darkcyan
)

```

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Trying something new. Now we can do this a “split” plot.

and for the future period.;;

create a temporary array to hold just the return periods for simplicity

```

deleteme = data.frame(Ensembles = rcp45_base$Ensembles,
return_intervals = rcp45_base$return_intervals,

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RCP45      = rcp45_per1$RCP45_Return_Period,
RCP85      = rcp85_per1$RCP85_Return_Period)

# melt the RCP45 and RCP85 columns into a new field.
base_all    = melt(data      = deleteme,
                    varnames  = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals", "Scenario"),
                    id.vars   = c("Ensembles", "return_intervals"),
                    na.rm     = TRUE,
                    value.name = "Return_Period_Values")

colnames(base_all) <- c("Ensembles", "return_intervals", "Scenario", "Return_Period_Values")

# for this to work below, the program will need to search through ONE variable for the axis
# you can use two (or more) sub-categories.
#
# to do this you need to create a new variable in the data table that will have two
# parts, separated by a space character.
#
# this your x-axis + "series" category would be
#
# 001 Cat1
# 002 Cat1
# 003 Cat1
# 001 Cat2
# 002 Cat3
# ... and so on.
#
# in this case we will have our return period year and then the RCP scenario.
# (We could also do this for different periods for a single RCP scenario)
#
# thus...
# 02 RCP45 (we need that leading zero)
# 02 RCP85
# ...
# 20 RCP45
# 20 RCP85

base_all$merged_period_scenarios = paste(sprintf("%2d", base_all$return_intervals),
                                           base_all$Scenario,
                                           sep = " ")

# tidy up!

remove(deleteme)

```

And now we can plot this one. This will create a “split” bean plot which is about as complex and messy as I want to get right now.

```

beanplot(formula      = Return_Period_Values~merged_period_scenarios, # formula selection for y axis
         data         = base_all,                                     # data frame to use
         col          = list(c(blue, darkblue, darkblue, darkblue),   # same order as earlier for each series
                             c(red, darkred, darkred, darkred)),
         border       = c(darkblue, darkred),

```

```

overallline = "median",          # can't get rid of this dang thing
beanlines   = "median",          # use median for the "central value"
side        = "both",
main        = paste(location_name,
                      " LOCA Return Intervals for ",      # title caption
                      per1_start,
                      "-",
                      per1_end,
                      sep=""),
xlab        = "Return Period (Years)",          # xaxis title
ylab        = paste("Maximum ",
                      variable_name,
                      " (",
                      variable_units,
                      ")",
                      sep=""),
log         = "",                  # override log axis on y (it defaults to l
xlim        = c(0,period_span/2),          # x axis range
ylim        = c(min(rcp45_base$RCP45_Lower_95_CI,
                      rcp85_base$RCP85_Lower_95_CI,
                      rcp45_per1$RCP45_Lower_95_CI,
                      rcp85_per1$RCP45_Lower_95_CI),
                  # y axis range
                  max(rcp45_base$RCP45_Upper_95_CI,
                      rcp85_base$RCP85_Upper_95_CI,
                      rcp45_per1$RCP45_Upper_95_CI,
                      rcp85_per1$RCP45_Upper_95_CI)
                ),
)

legend("topleft",
      fill   = c("blue", "red"),
      legend = c("RCP 4.5", "RCP 8.5"))

```

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